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FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL TEXT O* A STATEMENT PROPOSED FOR
AMBASSADOR BUNKER TO MAKE TO THE PRESS ON ARRIVAL IN PANAMA
CITY FOR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS. TEXT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY
THE AMBASSADOR AND IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY NOW
FOR TRANSLATION INTO SPANISH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PREP-
ARATIONS.

BEGIN QUOTE IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN FOR A
CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL, EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH PANAMA'S
CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR AN INTER-OCEANIC CANAL TREATY BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES, HIS EXCELLENCY JUAN ANTONIO TACK.

THE TALKS, WHICH WE INITIATED ON CONTADORA ISLAND
DURING MY FIRST VISIT LAST MONTH, ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN A
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CORDIAL, FRANK, INFORMAL AND PRODUCTIVE FASHION. THUS

THEY ARE PROCEEDING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE WHICH
MY COUNTRY IS SEEKING WITH ITS FRIENDS IN THE AMERICAS AND
TO WHICH PANAMA HAS RESPONDED IN FULL MEASURE.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH FOR ALL PANAMANIAN
A NEW YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. END QUOTE
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